#### **TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER**

**DATE OF LAST REVIEW - NOVEMBER 2024** 

Definitions used in the risk register:

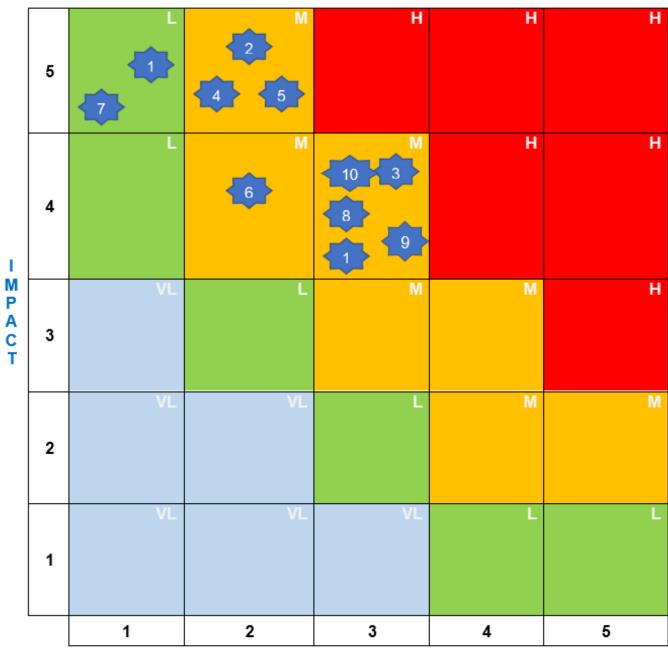
## **Likelihood of Risk Occurring**

Likelihood	Definition
Very Low	May occur in exceptional circumstances
Low	Risk may occur in next 3 years
Medium	The risk is likely to occur more than once in the next 3 years
High	The risk is likely to occur this year
Very High	The risk has occurred and will continue to do so without further action being taken

### **Impact of Risk if it does Occur**

Descriptor	Financial	Reputation	Physical	Environmental	Service
Very Low	None	None	None	None	None
Low	<£250K	Minimal/ minimal media/ social media	Minor	Minor locally, e.g. clearing intrusion on land	Internal disruption only, no loss of service
Medium	£250K to £1m	Extensive local media/social media	Threats of serious injury requiring medical treatment	Moderate Locally, e.g.air quality issue in part of the borough	Disruption/ loss of service less than 48 hours
High	£1m to £5m	National media/social media	Extensive/ multiple injuries	Major local impact, e.g. air quality issue affecting whole borough	Disruption/ loss of service less than 7 days
Very High	>£5m	Extensive national media (lead item)/social media	Extensive multiple injuries/ death	Major national/international, e.g. air quality issue affecting UK as a whole	Severe disruption/ loss of service more than 7 days.

#### **Risk Heat Map**



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#### **Council Priorities - Key**

- P1 Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community
- **P2** Everyone feels the benefit form a thriving economy
- P3 All neighbourhoods are a great place to live
- P4 Our natural environment is protected we take a leading role in addressing climate emergency
- P5 A community focussed innovative council providing effective, efficient and quality services

Ref	Risk	Likelihood Without Controls	Impact Without Controls	What are we doing to manage the risk? (Controls)	Lead Executive Director / Director	Likelihood With Controls	Impact With Controls
R1	Failure to discharge duty of care for a vulnerable child or vulnerable adult.  PRIORITY: P1	Very High without controls  Change since last review	Very High without controls – Physical Reputation Finance  Change since last review =	<ul> <li>a) Safeguarding Partnership (Adults &amp; Children) Community Safety Partnership and Youth Offending Service Management Board scrutinise performance, hold partners to account and drive practice improvement in the light of learning (e.g. Serious Case, Safeguarding Adult &amp; Domestic Homicide Reviews).</li> <li>b) Safeguarding Partnership works to develop systematic working across children and adult landscape.</li> <li>c) The Council will increase investment into Adult Social Care services by £5.9m in 2024/25. The Council's net budget for Adult Social Care will be over £68m in 2024/25.</li> <li>d) The Council's will increase investment into Children's Safeguarding by £7.6m in 2024/25. This makes the net budget for Children's Safeguarding to be nearly £49m in 2024/25.</li> </ul>	D Sidaway J Britton S Froud	Very Low with controls  Change since last review =	Very High with controls – Physical Reputation Finance  Change since last review =

e) The combined total net budget allocation for these services will be in excess of £117m.  f) A general budget contingency of £3.95m, with an additional £2.8m held for inflationary pressures will be available in 2024/25.  These can be used to support pressures in any Council budget including Adult Social Care and Children's Safeguarding which account for two thirds of the Council's net budget.
Children:  g) Safeguarding arrangements are routinely reviewed and developed in response to new statutory requirements as they are introduced
h) Workforce development strategy  – recruitment and retention, learning and development including Systemic Practice across the Council's children's workforce.
i) Children's Services - systematic quality assurance role for all managers from frontline Team Manager through to CEX and DCS
j) No staff savings target for Children's Social Workers  k) A comprehensive package of market factors and recruitment

and retention incentives have been implemented to aid the recruitment and retention of social workers  I) Work to national inspection standards and respond to actions required from inspections.	
m) OFSTED inspection of Children's Safeguarding January 2020 achieved "Outstanding"". An action plan has been delivered to respond to the small number of recommendations.	
n) Independent Review of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) commissioned by the Council has been concluded. Recommendations from the review are in the process of being implemented.	
o) 'Essential learning' for all employees includes both child protection and CSE.  Adults:	
p) Adult safeguarding part of Safeguarding Partnership in compliance with Care Act requirements and new Adult Safeguarding Guidance & Regulations.	
q) Adult Services - systematic quality assurance role for all	

managers from frontline team manager through to DAS.	
CQC Assessment of the Council's ability to meet our duties under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014 achieved "Good" in November 2024. An action plan is being delivered to address the areas identified for improvement	
r) Integrated Care Board's Quality and Performance Committee chaired by the Chief Nurse.	
s) 'Essential learning' for all employees includes adult safeguarding.	
t) In-house provide, My Options, has robust governance arrangements following the CQC and Ofsted and regulations of the Health and Social Care Act	

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R2	Inability to:  a) Match available resources (both financial, people and assets) with statutory obligations, agreed priorities and service standards	Very High without controls  Change since last review =	Very High without controls – Physical Reputation Service  Change since	<ul> <li>a) Robust commercial approach taken by Council services in terms of increasing income generation</li> <li>b) Rigorous medium term financial planning and regular monitoring and active management through S&amp;FPG, SMT, Business Briefing and Cabinet.</li> </ul>	D Sidaway M Brockway	Change since last review =	Very High with controls – Physical Reputation Service  Change since =

	last	c)	Efficiency Strategy in place		last
b) deliver financial	review	,	which allows the Council to		review
strategy including			qualify for the Flexible Use of		
capital receipts,			Capital Receipts which enables		
savings and			the funding of revenue costs of		
commercial income			reform and service		
			transformation initiatives which		
c) fund organisational			deliver efficiencies		
and cultural		d)	'Savings programme, service		
development in the		ω,	reviews and restructuring.		
Council within the		e)	Staffing, economic and		
constraints of the		-,	environmental impact		
public sector			assessments of all savings		
economy			proposals and appropriate		
			consultation mechanisms in		
PRIORITIES: P1, P2,			place.		
P3, P4 and P5		f)	In-year savings exercises		
F 3, F 4 and F 3		,	possible if necessary		
		g)	Rationalisation of Council		
		•	assets and accommodation		
		h)	Prudent level of uncommitted		
			one-off resources and in-year		
			budget contingency of £3.95m		
		i)	Delivery of capital		
			receipts/rigorous monitoring of		
			capital receipts realisation and		
			impact on the budget		
		j)	If necessary contingency plans		
			reviewing phasing of planned		
			capital expenditure, schemes		
			included in capital programme,		
			alternative potential disposals		
			and further revenue budget cuts		
			would be identified for		
			consultation		
		k)	Regular review of reserves and		
			balances against risk exposure		
			with significant level (£21.7m) of		

uncommitted balances available, held within the Budget Strategy Reserve to support the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy  I) Track record of sound financial management having out-turned within budget for 16 consecutive years despite significant financial challenges arising from
public sector austerity, the COVID pandemic and the current cost-of-living emergency.
m) Safeguarding Children Cost Improvement Plan in place which is monitored by senior officers and members.
n) Adult Social Care Cost Improvement Plan in place which is monitored by senior officers and members.
o) Commercial project(s) for additional income generation as well as wider economic, social and regeneration purposes
p) Housing Investment Programme q) Robust assessment of potential new investments through a proper due diligence and business case process to
ensure that the Council is not exposed to an unacceptable level of risk either on an individual basis or when
considering the entire investment portfolio

r) Specialist legal and taxation
advice taken as required
s) Active Treasury Management in
conjunction with regular advice
and updates from specialist
Treasury Management Advisors
t) Cabinet Members regularly
briefed
u) All necessary strategies,
policies and procedures in place
to fully comply with CIPFA and
MoHCLG codes and regulations
with regular review
v) Established approval process
for agreement of business
cases for new investment from
the Council's Growth Fund and
Invest to Save/Capacity Fund.
w) All reports to SMT and Cabinet
include a financial comment
prepared by, or on behalf of the
Council's 151 officer, that
identifies the financial
implications arising from the
recommendations to avoid
significant additional ongoing
commitments being committed
without appropriate
consideration.
x) Completion of Equality Impact
Assessments.
y) Undertake regular
benchmarking of services
including with peer groups and
via the LGA

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R3	Losing skills, knowledge and experience (retention & recruitment) in relation to staffing.  PRIORITIES: P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5	Very High without controls  Change since last review	High without controls – Financial Reputation Service  Change since last review  =	<ul> <li>a) Workforce Development Strategy in place with focus on delivering ambition of the Council being employer of choice. Strategy will focus on: <ul> <li>'Our workforce will have the skills and abilities to deliver our priorities and will have the opportunity to further develop</li> <li>Our managers will be leaders and will empower staff to deliver our priorities</li> <li>'Our organisation will be more diverse and inclusive offering a voice and fair treatment for all'</li> <li>'Our workplace will be healthy and we will support our employees' wellbeing'</li> <li>Our employment package will be attractive and will offer fair terms and conditions</li> <li>We will effectively recruit and retain suitably qualified staff across all areas of the council</li> </ul> b) Senior Management, SDM and team leader development programmes.</li> </ul>	D Sidaway M Brockway A Lowe	Medium with controls  Change since last review =	High with controls – Service Reputation Finance  Change since last review =

c) Each service area has a
workforce plan considering
skills gap analysis and
needs
apprenticeships
d) Specific HR policies:
use of market factor
weighting for key groups
flexible working policy
staff benefit schemes
e) "Grow your own" scheme for
roles that are hard to recruit to.
f) Review of induction
programme and ongoing
training and development
completed
g) The development of the
Council's employment "offer" is
ongoing
h) Council values, ethos, rewards
and recognition
i) Annual Personal Performance
and Development discussions
for all staff along with regular
one to one meetings involving
employees and their line
managers.
j) Staff awards ceremony to
celebrate and encourage
outstanding performance.
k) Review of the use of
apprentices
I) EDI Strategy in place
m) Inclusive Recruitment
Champions in place to support
managers to maintain a diverse
workforce and ensuring the

	Council advertises vacant posts to reach all parts of the community while maximising the number of applicants.  n) Employee survey undertaken in November/December 2024.  o) Collaboration with West Midlands Employers and CIPD during 2024 to upskill managers and increase competence and confidence in applying strategic workforce planning principles successfully and consistently  p) Working with partners around recruitment and role availability.	
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R4	Significant business interruption affecting ability to provide priority services, e.g. critical damage to Council buildings, new pandemic, loss of power or infrastructure etc.  PRIORITIES: P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5	Very High without controls  Change since last review	Very High without controls – Physical Reputation Service  Change since last review  =	<ul> <li>a) Each Service Delivery Team has Business Continuity Plans to enable them to respond appropriately (people, systems etc.), these are reviewed annually and updated following team changes and or incidents.</li> <li>b) Corporate Business Continuity Policy is to be reviewed in 2025. The Service Delivery BC Template will then be refreshed and updated</li> <li>c) Continuity plans for loss of key buildings tested in live environment during the pandemic. Different</li> </ul>	Executive Directors	Medium with controls  Change since last review	Very High with controls – Service Reputation  Change since last review =

scenario testing requires
completion by individual teams.
d) Serious Incident Protocol has been
adopted but requires review.
e) Continue to invest in ICT capital
programme. Data centre
investment complete.
f) Improvement/upgrade/replacement
of key IDT systems IDT controls –
Disaster Recovery facilities in
place based on Priority Services in
line with Business Continuity
Plans.
g) Roll out of "office 365" and the
cloud computing.
h) Investment in cyber security and
awareness programme and
training (see risk 7 also).
i) Implementation of a 3 <sup>rd</sup> generation
firewall.
j) Strong and effective support
provided by corporate IDT team to
support the implementation of new
service specific and corporate
systems and upgrades to these
systems which also ensures
effective system testing
arrangements.
k) Sound operational management of
Council buildings
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Ref	Risk	Likelihood Without Controls	Impact Without Controls	What are we doing to manage the risk? (Controls)	Lead Executive Director / Director	Likelihood With Controls	Impact With Controls
R5	Inability to manage the health & safety risks in delivering the council's functions (including building security and cyber security).  PRIORITIES: P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5	Very High without controls  Change since last review	Very High without controls – Physical Reputation Financial  Change since last review =	<ul> <li>a) Reviewing, writing and monitoring of health and safety policies, incidents and audit findings through and the Health and Safety Committee who meet 3 times a year.</li> <li>b) Risk based health and safety audit process of Telford &amp; Wrekin buildings and local authority managed schools, which not only audit implementation of health and safety policies but also proactively identifies shortcomings, actions and controls that need to be in place to manage those risks.</li> <li>c) Management of health and safety within services is undertaken annually. Results from audits are fed back to Team Managers, Directors and H&amp;S Committee</li> <li>d) Internal Health and Safety work to Health and Safety Executive (HSE) guidance and revise Policies and Procedures to ensure compliance with legal standards. Revisions reported back through the H&amp;S Committee.</li> <li>e) A Health &amp; Safety Competency Framework has been implemented. It details the</li> </ul>	Jo Britton / Director of Public Health	Change since last review =	Very High with controls – Physical Reputation Finance  Change since last review =

pagagany training and	
necessary training and	
competency of the key roles of	
the Health & Safety Policy.	
f) There is a corporate lone worker	
risk assessment in place. Each	
service should also consider	
lone working within their team	
risk assessments. Lone member	
risk assessments are	
undertaken and appropriate	
processes are in place. There is	
a council wide lone worker	
monitoring system available	
g) System in place for reporting all	
accidents, incidents and near	
misses. Non reportable	
accidents are investigated by	
each service area.	
h) All reportable accidents are	
additionally investigated by	
Internal Health and Safety Team	
and significant findings reported	
to Health and Safety	
Committee. All findings are	
reported back to relevant	
service area management	
i) Training to ensure health and	
safety compliance is provided	
on Health and Safety through a	
mixture of e-learning and face to	
face.	
j) Essential learning training for all	
employees includes health and	
safety and fire safety	
awareness.	
k) Consultation and	
communication with Trade	

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R6	Inability to deliver effective information	Very High without	Very High without	a) The Council has an Information Governance Framework which	D Sidaway	Low with controls	High with
	governance.	controls	controls -	includes the Corporate			controls -
			Financial	Information Security Policy			Reputation

modules form part of induction and essential learning programmes.  d) Data Protection Officer reports regularly to SMT on IG related matters  e) Data Protection Officer attends a number of management team meetings.  f) General Data Protection Regulations 2018 implemented. g) SMT oversight of reported data breaches  h) All data breaches recorded, investigated and lessons learnt identified  i) Detailed report is sent to relevant Director in respect to breaches occurring in their service area j) Directors email all employees that have contributed to a data breach included in included in included in the	PRIORITIES: P1 and Since last review	Change since last review    Change since last review   East review   East review	Change since last review  Finance  Change since last review  Finance
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	I) Staff complete randomly generated questions on data protection/information security every quarter  m) Regular bulletins on information governance related matters published in staff newsletter  n) Completion of annual Data Security and Protection (DSP) toolkit.  o) Annual Governance Statement process encompasses key information governance related matters  p) Key elements of information governance and IDT security are audited by an external company.
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Ref	Risk	Likelihood Without Controls	Impact Without Controls	What are we doing to manage the risk? (Controls)	Lead Executive Director / Director	Likelihood With Controls	Impact With Controls
R7	Inability to respond adequately to a significant emergency affecting the community and/or ability to provide priority services.  PRIORITIES: P1, P3, P4 and P5	High without controls  Change since last review	Very High without controls – Environment Financial Service  Change since last review =	<ul> <li>a) Work collaboratively with other Local Resilience Forum partner agencies, maintaining effective working relationships with the relevant bodies</li> <li>b) Council Emergency Plan reviewed and renewed in 2024.</li> <li>c) Human resource challenges to maintain appropriate levels of trained staff to be able to respond to an emergency, for example, to set up rest centres are monitored. For example,</li> </ul>	Exec Directors / Director of Public Health	Medium with controls  Change since last review	Very High with controls – Service Reputation Finance Environment  Change since last review =

	recruitment for volunteer rest
	centre staff to be undertaken in
	the Winter 2024.
	d) Strategic, tactical and recovery
	training provided for SMT and
	relevant SDM's. Further training
	identified for those that have not
	received any.
	e) Service level agreement in
	place with Shropshire County
	Council to share resource of a
	Resilience Manager.
	f) Maintaining appropriate, risk
	based contingency plans (Civil
	Resilience Manager) which are
	reviewed on regular basis
	g) Operation 'Tangent' – multi
	agency plan to respond to
	landslide in the Gorge is in
	place. It was reviewed and
	exercised in October 2024.
	h) Individual Service Delivery
	Managers are responsible for
	maintaining and exercising their
	Business Continuity Plan.
	These plans would be
	coordinated corporately and the
	emergency plan activated if
	necessary.
	i) Provider contract monitoring in
	place.
	j) Public health mechanisms in
	place to manage response to
	significant incidents. However
	prolonged incidents will result in
	a significant human resource
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	k) Corporate budget contingency of £3.95m available to cover unforeseen costs arising up to Bellwin threshold where relevant.  I) On-call arrangements in place, including for SMT	
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R	ef Risk	Likelihood Without Controls	Impact Without Controls	What are we doing to manage the risk? (Controls)	Lead Executive Director / Director	Likelihood With Controls	Impact With Controls
F	Inability to respond to impact of climate emergency on severe weather events including heat, cold and flood.  PRIORITIES: P3 and P4	High without controls  Change since last review	Very High without controls – Environment Reputation Financial  Change since last review	<ul> <li>a) Investment in highways capital programme.</li> <li>b) Corporate capital budget specifically for projects that support the Council to address/mitigate the impact of climate change are included within capital programme.</li> <li>c) Monitor ground stability in the Gorge and water levels.</li> <li>d) Use and testing of flood barriers in Ironbridge</li> <li>e) Adoption of Climate Emergency Becoming Carbon Neutral action plan which includes a commitment to ensuring that its operation and activities are carbon neutral by 2030.</li> </ul>	A Astley	Medium with controls  Change since last review	High with controls – Environment Reputation Finance  Change since last review =

f) Delivering a wide range of schemes to reduce carbon emissions. g) Driving partnership engagement and action on climate change through the Telford and Wrekin Borough Climate Change Partnership h) Addressing biodiversity through actions plans. i) Climate Emergency is at the forefront of the Council's priorities. In addition, there is a new Council priority defined — 'Our natural environment is protected — we are taking a leading role in addressing the climate emergency j) Strong relationships with key partners including the Environment Agency. k) Work of the Environment Scrutiny Committee l) Development and adoption of the Climate Change Adaption	
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R9	Projects not delivered effectively - Increasing number of projects and	Very High without controls	Very High without controls –	<ul><li>a) Major Projects Board in place</li><li>b) Capital monitoring undertaken</li><li>by all services/Directors</li></ul>	All of SMT	Medium with controls	High with controls – Financial
	resource challenges to deliver those projects		Financial Service	<ul><li>c) Monitor business plans</li><li>d) Workforce planning</li></ul>		Change since =	Service Reputation

leads to project failure and inability to continue to deliver existing council services effectively and efficiently.  PRIORITIES: P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5	Reputation  Change since last review =	last review  Change since last review
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R10	Failure to deliver partnership priorities.  PRIORITIES: P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5	Very High without controls  Change since last review	Very High without controls – Financial Service Reputation  Change since last review	<ul> <li>a) Vision 2032 detailing partnership priorities and shared delivery of actions</li> <li>b) Engagement with those with lived experience in developing strategies</li> <li>c) Partnership agreements in place detailing clear partnership priorities</li> </ul>	All of SMT	Medium with controls  Change since last review	High with controls – Financial Service Reputation  Change since last review

# Risks Removed for Register

Ref	Risk	Reason for Removal	Date of Removal
R9	Inability to respond to the impact and implications of Brexit.	This risk is no longer applicable.	27/1/2022

#### **Document Version Control**

Version	Date	Author	Sent To	Comments
n/a	19/1/21	R Montgomery	SMT	Approval prior to register presented to Audit Committee and Cabinet
2022.2	27/1/22	R Montgomery	SMT	Update of register in respect to additions/changes to mitigating actions and deletion of risk R9
2022.2.1	23/12/22	R Montgomery	SMT	Update in relation to mitigating actions against each risk.
2023.2.2	10/1/24	R Montgomery	SMT	Includes updates provided by SMT
2024.2.3	11/11/24	R Montgomery	SMT	Amendments suggested from previous SMT meeting and additional risks added
2025.0.1	16/12/24	R Montgomery	SMT	Added clear linkages between corporate risks and council priorities